

CALENDER 2006

SOUTHERN COMMAND

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Nevada Highway Patrol

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Year in Review

Overview of Operations

The Southern Command handled 15,400 crashes throughout calendar year 2006. There were 97 fatal, 3,945 injury, and 11,358 property damage crashes. These numbers reflect a 17.9% increase in total crashes over 2005. The 97 fatal crashes resulted in 117 fatalities which is a 20.6% increase over 2005. Of the total crashes, 824 or 5.4%, involved impaired drivers. Fifty-three of the 117 persons killed, or 45%, were not restrained at the time of the crash. There were 781 total crashes involving commercial vehicles. This number reflects a .6% increase as compared to 2005. There was a 29.4% decrease in fatal crashes involving commercial vehicles. There was a 29.1% increase in overall enforcement, and there was a 20.3% increase in other arrests as well as a 38.4% increase in speeding citations. Southern Command personnel arrested a total of 3,053 drivers for DUI as compared to 2,328 in 2005. Commercial personnel recorded increases in all areas. Hazardous moving violations increased 33.3%, safety violations-citations increased 71.7%, trucks weighed increased 110.6%, overweight citations increased 114.5%, and dyed fuel citations increased 22.2%. The Communications Center saw increases in almost all areas. Interdiction and Criminal Enforcement (I.C.E.) seized 2.6 million in U.S. currency in 2006, as well as 164 pounds of cocaine and 80 pounds of methamphetamine. In August the I.C.E. team was responsible for capturing Warren Jeffs, one of the FBI's ten most wanted fugitives.

Critical Issues

The Southern Command continued to receive new Troopers to fill vacant positions during calendar year 2006. During the month of August the Command lost two of it's own. Sergeant Jim Dennis and Trooper AJ White both passed away due to illnesses. During 2006 the Command continued to utilize the NSRS-NDOT 800Mhz system. There were failures and problems with the system with a continuing lack of coverage in several critical areas. Homeland Security initiatives required redirection of personnel for specific holidays, anniversaries, and major events throughout the year. In May of 2006 the Command completed one full year in our new facility.

Significant Events / Operations

The Southern Command was tasked with and completed a number of major operations. Many of these operations could not have been completed successfully without multi-agency and interdivisional assistance and cooperation. Major operations included the Sergeant Henry Prendez funeral motorcade, Laughlin River Run, NASCAR, USAF Aviation Nation, Presidential visits and New Year's Eve.

On behalf of the entire Southern Command Staff I thank and commend the Southern Command employees, both sworn and civilian for their efforts, dedication and professionalism throughout the year.

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CRASH ANALYSIS AND OVERVIEW

	2006		2005	% Change		2004	% Change
Total crashes	15400		13065	17.9%		12747	20.8%
Property crashes [including commercial vehicles]	11358		9862	15.2%		9223	23.1%
Injury crashes [including commercial vehicles]	3945		3115	26.6%		3423	15.2%
Fatal crashes [including commercial vehicles]	97		88	10.2%		101	-4.0%
DUI crashes [DUI charged]	824		558	47.7%		598	37.8%
Total persons killed in fatal crashes	117		97	20.6%		114	2.6%
Total drivers killed without seatbelts	35		31	12.9%		32	9.4%
Total passengers killed without seatbelts	18		9	100.0%		15	20.0%
Total drivers killed with seatbelts	30		26	15.4%		30	0.0%
Total passengers killed with seatbelts	18		15	20.0%		9	100.0%
Total persons killed - seatbelts not applicable	16		16	112.5%		28	21.4%
Total number of commercial vehicle crashes	781		776	0.6%		584	33.7%
Property crashes involving commercial vehicle	631		598	5.5%		440	43.4%
Injury crashes involving commercial vehicle	138		161	-14.3%		137	0.7%
Fatal crashes involving commercial vehicle	12		17	-29.4%		7	71.4%

CRASH ANALYSIS

- ✱ Percentage of fatal crashes to total crashes .6 %
- ✱ Percentage of DUI crashes to total crashes 5.4%
- ✱ Percentage of persons killed *without* seatbelts to total persons killed 52.5%
- ✱ Percentage of Commercial Vehicle crashes to total crashes 5.1 %
- ✱ Total crashes up 17.9 % compared to last year.
- ✱ Commercial vehicle crashes up 1% from last year.
- ✱ Fatality crashes up 10% compared to last year.

I.C.E. TEAM / TASK FORCE OPERATIONS

ICE Team Annual recap	2006	2005	2004
U.S. Currency Seized	\$2,601,707.00	\$3,368,191.00	\$1,378,664.05
Cocaine	164.41 LBS	390.77 LBS	46.30 LBS
Methamphetamines	80.48 LBS	75.12 LBS	61.49 LBS
Marijuana	952.50 LBS	1,616.54 LBS	1,914.16 LBS
Felony Drug Arrests	145	168	106
Other Arrests	142	143	87

FIELD ENFORCEMENT ACTIVITY

[Analysis and review of current reporting period, versus same period in previous fiscal year, versus previous reporting period]

	2006		2005	% Change		2004	% Change
TRAFFIC OPERATIONS							
DUI arrests from crashes ##	824		558	47.7%		598	37.8%
DUI arrests <i>prior</i> to crashes ##	2229		1770	25.9%		1792	24.4%
Other arrests	12451		10346	20.3%		9597	29.7%
Total persons arrested (DUI included) ##	5320		4647	14.5%		4394	21.1%
Speed violations	42575		30756	38.4%		30235	40.8%
Hazardous moving violations	28078		22651	24.0%		22634	24.1%
Occupant restraint violations * ##	8265		5823	41.9%		6369	29.8%
Total violations [above violations included]	132924		102973	29.1%		105405	26.1%
COMMERCIAL OPERATIONS							
Hazardous moving violations - citations/arrests	960		720	33.3%		656	46.3%
Other traffic violations - citations/arrests	2567		1315	95.2%		1822	40.9%
Total safety inspections [level 1, 2, 3, 4, & 6]	8649		7572	14.2%		7789	11.0%
Terminal inspections [level 5] CR only	64		46	39.1%		24	166.7%
Total safety violations -- citation	3715		2164	71.7%		2789	33.2%
Total safety violations -- repair order	19748		14351	37.6%		18864	4.7%
Total vehicles placed "Out of Service"	1295		761	70.2%		1967	-34.2%
Total drivers placed "Out of Service"	860		799	7.6%		860	0.0%
Total school buses inspected	2774		2353	17.9%		2523	9.9%
Total school buses placed "Out of Service"	394		384	2.6%		295	33.6%
Total trucks weighed	9406		4467	110.6%		4983	88.8%
Total overweight citations	680		317	114.5%		380	78.9%
Total dyed fuel inspections	8194		7324	11.9%		7156	14.5%
Total dyed fuel citations	33		27	22.2%		4	725.0%

*Seatbelt and Child Restraint ## Commercial Operations Activity Included

COMMERCIAL ACTIVITY [TRAFFIC PERSONNEL ONLY]	2006		2005
Level 2/3 Inspections	361		585
Safety Violations Citation	151		320
Safety Violations Repair Order	330		1136
Drivers Placed "Out of Service"	44		81
Dyed Fuel Inspections	2		18
Dyed Fuel Citations	2		8

IMPAIRED DRIVER ANALYSIS

- ✱ Average BAC 0.145%
- ✱ Average age of DUI arrests: 31 years old.
- ✱ 7.25% of DUI drivers arrested tested positive for controlled substance.
- ✱ 4% of drivers arrested had prior DUI convictions.

ADMINISTRATIVE OPERATIONS

ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES	2006		2005	% Change		2004	% Change
COMMUNICATION CENTER							
Radio Transmissions from Console	1788717		1271011	40.7%		n/a	#VALUE!
Radio Tx and Receive totals	8488422		3045192	178.7%		1841691	360.9%
CAD Incidents	309956		275342	12.6%		254663	21.7%
Telephone Calls	394686		440360	-10.4%		430206	-8.3%
Call Box Incidents [Las Vegas only]	843		1452	-41.9%		1554	-45.8%
FRONT OFFICE							
Accident Reports Processed	14,359		14,073	2.0%		12,864	11.6%
Arrest Reports Processed	4999		4958	0.8%		5457	-8.4%
Incident / Officer Reports Processed	170		237	-28.3%		406	-58.1%
Vehicle Impound Releases	1,600		1,656	-3.4%		1,831	-12.6%
Visitors at Counter	12,034		9,613	25.2%		9,704	24.0%
Crash Reports Mailed Out	72,350		83,156	-13.0%		77,557	-6.7%
COURT / WARRANT							
Warrants Received	5801		4529	28.1%		4925	17.8%
Warrants Entered	3421		3672	-6.8%		4255	-19.6%
Warrants Cleared	4083		3691	10.6%		21624	-81.1%
Warrants Validated	17896		17561	1.9%		27752	-35.5%
Extradition / Transports	153		152	0.7%		165	-7.3%
EVIDENCE							
New Cases Submitted	1269		1385	-8.4%		1390	-8.7%
New Items Submitted	2268		2495	-9.1%		2465	-8.0%
Items Disposed	501		2790	-82.0%		2027	-75.3%

***Information is received from a private entity and they have identified problems within their calculations.

EVIDENCE

- ✱ Nevada Highway Patrol responsible for 89.8 % of case submissions.
- ✱ Parole and Probation responsible for 8.1 % of case submissions.
- ✱ Division of Investigation responsible for 1.6 % of case submissions.
- ✱ State Fire Marshal was responsible for 0.4 % of case submissions.
- ✱ Compliance Enforcement Division is responsible for 0% of case submissions.

CONTRACT SERVICES

- ✱ 176 Contracts requiring 5,763.80 work hours, billing \$338,795.79

PUBLIC INFORMATION

Press Releases	Media Interview/TV	PIO Meetings	Accident Response
160	1379	197	128

Website E-Mail Traffic	E-Mail Responses	Public Relations Projects	News Articles Total	Proactive News Articles	Reactive News Articles
5363	2900	340	1125	575	550

COMMUNITY SUPPORT**Volunteer projects using members of the DPS-Highway Patrol:**

- Safe Community Partnership; pedestrian safety, drinking driving issues
- Safe Street Halloween event
- Speedway Children's Charities
- Special Olympics Nevada, tip-a-cop, Cops on donut shops, torch run, worlds largest convoy, Olympic Staff
- Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts of America
- Blankets to LV homeless
- Toys to Pediatric ICU patients
- Kids Ride w/Pediatric Brain Tumor Foundation
- Las Vegas After-School All-Stars
- Attorney Generals Advisory Coalition on Impaired Driving
- Work with Stand Tall, Don't Fall (underage drinking)
- Think First Nevada-Nevada Injury Prevention
- All LV driving schools
- Nevada Retired Employees Association
- Central Rotary Club
- Lion's Club
- American Cancer Society // Relay for Life
- Opportunity Village; Great Santa run, Christmas in July
- Police Athletic League
- Stop DUI Nevada
- Driver's Edge
- Several Escorts for fallen LV Military Service Members